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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Nordstrom et al.  
**SERIAL NO.:** Continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/738,613  
**GROUP NO.:** Not yet assigned  
**FILING DATE:** Herewith  
**EXAMINER:** Not yet assigned  
**TITLE:** A SPECTROSCOPIC SYSTEM EMPLOYING A PLURALITY OF DATA TYPES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified continuation application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

In the Specification:

Please delete the section under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" and replace with the replacement section as set forth in the attached marked up version of the amended Cross-Reference to Related Applications section to read as set forth in the replacement Cross-Reference to Related Applications section in clean form.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 24-48 and cancel without prejudice claims 1-23 prior to calculating the filing fee.

Please add new claims 24-48 as follows:

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